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## COTTON FORECAST IS 10,135,000 BALES

CONDITION PLACED AT 50 PER CENT—TEXAS SHOWS LOSS OF 232,000 BALES SINCE AUGUST 25.—CONDITION IN S. C. IS 38, YIELDED 620,000 BALES.

Washington, Oct. 3.—A reduction of 440,000 bales during September in prospective cotton production this year was shown in the Department of Agriculture's forecast issued today, placing the crop at 10,135,000 equivalent 500 pound bales. The decline in the condition of the crop from August 25 to September 25 was 7.0 points compared with a ten year average decline of 5.8 points.

Washington, Oct. 3.—Cotton production this year was forecast at 10,135,000 equivalent 500 pound bales by the Department of Agriculture today in its final forecast of the season, based on the condition of the crop September 25, which was 50.6 per cent of a normal, indicating a yield of 139.2 pounds of lint per acre.

The condition of the crop in South Carolina was fixed at 38 per cent, and the production estimated at 620,000 bales.

There was a decline of 7.0 points between August 25 and September 25. The condition of the crop September 25 and the forecast of production (in thousand of bales) by states, follows:

Virginia, condition 63 per cent; forecast 22.  
North Carolina 59 and 730.  
South Carolina 38 and 620.  
Georgia 37 and 910.  
Florida 55 and 25.  
Alabama 55 and 843.  
Mississippi 52 and 1,029.  
Louisiana 53 and 307.  
Texas 52 and 3,412.  
Arkansas, 57 and 957.  
Tennessee, 56 and 268.  
Missouri, 70 and 82.  
Oklahoma, 42 and 691.  
California 80 and 120.  
Arizona 80 and 120.  
All other states 85 and 23.

The loss in prospective production during the month was heaviest in Texas, where a reduction of 232,000 bales was shown. In Oklahoma the reduction was 95,000 bales; in South Carolina 67,000 bales; Georgia 58,000; North Carolina 20,000; Tennessee 10,000 and Louisiana 7,000.

An increase in the forecast of production was shown for Mississippi, where the prospective crop is estimated at 26,000 bales more than in September. In Alabama there was an increase of 17,000 bales, while in Arkansas and Missouri there was an increase of 6,000 bales each.

## COLLETON SHERIFF SEEKS SPEEDY TRIAL

Sheriff W. B. Ackerman, of Walterboro, accompanied by his attorney Mr. W. B. Jefferies, appeared personally before Chief Justice Eugene B. Gary this morning asking for a special term of Court to be held for the purpose of obtaining a speedy trial in his case. Mr. Ackerman was recently indicted by the grand jury of Colleton county for malfeasance in office. He was suspended by Governor Harvey during the pendency of his case and will be reappointed if found not guilty by the courts. Chief Justice Gary took the matter under consideration pending further evidence from the Solicitor.

## JACK BRADLEY A "FRAT"

Jack Bradley, according to the Atlanta Georgian, is now a "frat", at least if he is not he is about to be one. He is pledged to the Sigma Chi fraternity, one of the large national Greek letter societies. Being from Abbeville Jack was sought out by the members of other fraternities but he liked the Sigma Chi.

## DECLARES AMERICA NOT DOING ITS DUTY

METHODIST BISHOP SAYS IT OUGHT TO HELP CHRISTIANS. SECRETARY CLAIMS SENTIMENT OF PEOPLE OF UNITED STATES IS UNDERSTOOD.

Washington, Oct. 3.—Secretary Hughes declared last night in a cable message to John Cannon, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who is in Paris, that the American government in reference to the Near Eastern situation "has not failed in any way to make the sentiment of the American people understood and to take every appropriate action."

"The Executive," Mr. Hughes added, "has no authority to go beyond this and there has been no action by Congress which would justify this government in an attempt by armed forces to pacify the Near East or to engage in its war to accomplish the results you desire with respect to the inhabitants of that territory and to determine the problems which have vexed Europe for generations."

The message was in reply to one from Bishop Cannon under date of September 30, in which he declared his personal belief that "Christian America will insist government United States cooperate actively to protect Christians in Asia Minor not only diplomatically but if necessary with army and navy to secure this result."

"Prompt, definite. American demands," Bishop Cannon continued, "supported if necessary by American naval units present would probably have prevented, certainly greatly minimized, Smyrna fires and massacres. I believe Almighty God will hold government responsible for inaction while thousands murdered and deported and for failure protect against defiant heartless brutal Kemalist announcement that all refugees not removed by today (Saturday) be deported which deportations means thousands more added to dead of previous Turkish deportations. Will not our government realize its opportunity and responsibility as great Christian nation, politically disinterested to demand that burnings, outrages, massacres cease, and thus effectively prevent probably repetition in Constantinople and Thrace of 1915—Samson and Smyrna horrors? I believe worldwide humanity would tremendously approve. Who would dare condemn prohibition further such horrors? Shall America have condemnation of Meroz? Judges, five, twenty-three?"

## Presbytery Meets at Due West.

The second Presbytery of the A. R. P. Church meets at Due West next Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. M. R. Plaxco of Abbeville will act as Moderator and Dr. S. W. Reid of Atlanta as Stated Clerk. R. S. Ellis will attend from Abbeville as a representative of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church here. This Presbytery includes all churches of Western South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

## Gas Tax Stands, Says Lyon.

Columbia, S. C. Oct. 3.—The state tax commission knows of no suit to invalidate the two cent a gallon gasoline tax, says a statement made here today by J. Fraser Lyon, member of the commission. The commissioner referred to an advertisement published here and signed by most of the gas retailers, in the city in which it was stated that a case had been instituted to have the law declared "unfair unjust and unconstitutional."

## GIANTS BEAT YANKEES

The New York Giants won the first game of the world's series against the Yankees by the score of 3 to 2.

## EMPLOYEES TAKE CAPTURED LIQUOR

OFFICIALS APPROPRIATE WHISKEY TO OWN USES—NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN AGAINST MEN WHO APPROPRIATED BOOZE.

Washington, Oct. 3.—Charges that representatives of the "department of justice" converted to their own use liquor seized here in the enforcement of prohibition laws were made in a special report filed today by the District of Columbia grand jury.

The report asserted that the liquor was removed from the warehouse used by the department for storage purposes and was used by the officials involved for their private consumption for distribution to personal friends and as gifts to favored institutions. There was no charge that any of the liquor was disposed of for financial gain.

Illegal withdrawals covered in the report were declared to have occurred between July 20 and September 11, 1920. The jury did not name the individuals who were involved, but declared that their conduct can not "be too severely condemned."

At the department of justice officials indicated that no action was in prospect since the offense complained of were "by former attaches of a former administration of the department." William J. Burns, chief of the department's bureau of investigation, confirmed that large stocks of liquor held in the custody of the department had "disappeared" between the dates mentioned in the grand jury report.

The first intimation of such a situation, Mr. Burns said, came to him when counsel for a defendant in a liquor case which had lapsed under the statute of limitations, filed claim for return of the several cases of whiskey.

Mr. Burns said he ordered that the property be returned at once and then learned that it was no longer in the warehouse. An inquiry was instituted and the result voluntarily submitted to the grand jury, according to Mr. Burns.

## CONTRACT FOR FURNITURE LET

To Charlotte Firm for the New High School Building.

Contracts were let Tuesday afternoon by the Abbeville School Board for new desks and opera chairs for the auditorium in the new school building under construction. The General Seating Company of Charlotte, N. C., representing the Grand Rapids Steele Furniture Company got the contract which amounts to about \$3,000. Other companies bidding were, Southern School Supply Company, of Raleigh; American Seating Company of Charlotte; Sheridan's Book Store, of Greenwood; Fant's Book Store of Anderson, and W. A. Calvert & Sons.

The new opera chairs and desks are finished in walnut. The chairs are trimmed in black standards with the monogram A. H. S. moulded on the ends of the aisle standards.

## "MOTOR INN."

Willie Bowie won the ten gallons of gas offered as a prize by the City Garage, G. A. Harrison, manager, for the one sending in the most appropriate name for the new filling station on the corner of Trinity and Church streets. The name sent in by Willie Bowie is "Motor Inn." It is a catchy name as well as a play on words, the new station being so situated that you can conveniently motor in and get your gas.

## Gas 25 Cents in Greenville

Greenville, S. C. Oct. 3.—A reduction of two cents per gallon was announced in the price of gasoline here today. The gas retailed for 25 cents, plus two cents a gallon which goes to the state for tax.

## REVENUE MEASURES BRINGING IN CASH

INCOME AND GASOLINE TAXES PRODUCTIVE—STATE TREASURER HAS ALREADY COLLECTED \$1,304,546.64 FROM TWO NEW LAWS.

Columbia, Oct. 4.—A total of approximately \$1,304,546.64 has already been collected by the state treasurer from the state income and gasoline tax, according to figures compiled by Treasurer Carter yesterday. This total including all receipts through September 30.

From the income tax the collection so far as has been \$867,989.28 and from the gasoline tax \$436,557.35. One half of the gasoline tax goes to the counties for road purposes and the other half for general state purposes.

In addition to the amount from the income and gasoline tax a large sum comparatively speaking, has been collected from the corporation license law, which was increased by the legislature this year.

So far as is known very little has been collected from the state inheritance tax, but this was expected by the legislature when the measure was passed as it was recognized that it would take one year to get this act in full operation.

The new revenue bills passed this year all proving to be money producers and are meeting with more satisfaction than was anticipated. A member of dealers in gasoline are paying the tax under protest and plan to conjurisdiction but this is not thought to be of so great importance.

## MEETS IN ONE WEEK

Supreme Court to Start Fall Session Soon.

Columbia, Oct. 3.—The supreme court meets one week from today for its fall session. Many cases, of importance are to be argued before the court and the sessions will last well into December, judging from the present rate of docketing cases. Three of the more important criminal cases will be the Bigham, Jeffords and Harrison appeals.

## INSTALLATION EXERCISES

Of Camp Ab. Allen Held Last Night in Council Chambers.

A ceremonial exercise of the installation of Camp Ab. Allen of the Spanish-American War Veterans, was held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall last night. Dr. Orlin K. Fletcher of Camp Archie Butt, of Augusta, Ga., was present and conducted this meeting. Assisting him were the following comrades from Augusta: A. R. Lucky, P. J. Ford, Charles E. Dillman, Horton Wilson, and J. B. Pope.

Abbeville Camp has about twenty-five members. The order is secret. The National Encampment meets next year at Chattanooga, Tenn.

## FIRST FOOT BALL GAME

The first foot ball game of the season will be played in Abbeville Friday afternoon Oct 6th at Rosenberg's field. The game will be between Abbeville Hi and Ninety Six Hi. and will begin at 4 o'clock. Abbeville boys have been limbering up for the last week and a good game is looked for. Clinton Hi plays in Abbeville on the 13th.

## Small Taxpayers Coming Across

Treasurer Cheatham's office is busy this week checking up the delinquent taxes. Many small taxpayers have met the requirement and paid up, but very few whose taxes amount to as much as a hundred dollars have taken them up.

## MAYOR'S COURT.

One case was before the Mayor this morning, charged with being drunk. He was fined \$5.00.

## PROHIBITION NOW CAMPAIGN ISSUE

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES IN FIVE STATES OPPOSE—AGITATION FOR MODIFICATION OF LAW IN NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY AND OTHER STATES.

Washington, Oct. 3.—While it has been the boast of the Anti-Saloon league that John Barleycorn is dead, it is a significant fact that in five of the most important states of the union he will be more or less an issue in the elections slated for November.

In each instance, furthermore, it is the Democratic party which advocates relaxation from Volstead restrictions. In New York, the Democratic convention adopted a "damp plank." In New Jersey, the Democratic senatorial candidate, Governor Edwards, is "wet." In Massachusetts, the party stands for amending the Volstead act. In Missouri, Senator Reed, Democrat, declares in favor of wine and beer.

The Republican party, in each instance, with possibly one exception, plays politics. It apparently knows the power of an organized, well-financed minority to overcome an unorganized majority which has no treasury.

In New York, all Democratic and Republican candidates are "wet." Gov. Miller is no more convinced of the wisdom of Volsteadism than former Governor Smith. And Senator Calder is no more "dry" than his competitor, Mr. Copeland. The only difference is that the Democratic candidates are declaring themselves, while the Republicans are maintaining a cautious quiet.

In New Jersey, Governor Edwards is openly telling the people that Volsteadism has made the nation one of the lawbreakers. Senator Frelinhuysen, on the contrary, after admitting that his cellar is stocked with excellent wines and liquors, preaches the glory of prohibition. In Massachusetts, the Democrats demand wine and beer. Senator Lodge, always "wet," is taking no position.

In Missouri, Senator Reed declares that he voted against constitutional prohibition because he believed that the issue was one for settlement by the states; and he advocates an amendment of the Volstead act. His opponent, R. R. Brewster, declares himself "powder dry" and challenges Reed to debate the prohibition question as the issue of the day.

There is a unique situation in Ohio. The Democratic senatorial candidate, Atlee Pomerene, was too able a man to have been demagogic or fanatical on the liquor question when it was a real issue. And today he is too able to contend that as prohibition is the law of the land, the law should not be observed.

## MRS. FELTON NAMED TO SUCCEED WATSON

Atlanta, Oct. 3.—Mrs. W. H. Felton of Cartersville, Ga., became the first woman member of the United States Senate today when she was appointed by Governor Thomas W. Hardwick to fill the vacancy by the death of Senator Thomas E. Watson until the people elect a successor in November.

At the same time Governor Hardwick announced his candidacy to succeed United States Senator Thomas E. Watson Georgia, who died last week in Washington, in a formal statement issued here today. The primary will be held October 17. Mrs. Felton is 87 years old.

## Car of Cotton Lost.

Newberry, Oct. 3.—A fire at Jala-pa, seven miles north of Newberry, on the C. N. & L. railway, destroyed a car with 45 bales of cotton, damaged two empty coal cars and destroyed the cross ties for 50 yards or more. It is not known how the fire started. The Jalapa ginnyery came near going, but hard work saved it.

## SHOULD DEVELOP RESERVE SYSTEM

MORE HARMONY BETWEEN BANKING UNITS SUGGESTED: STATE LAWS PERMIT PRACTICES NOT ALLOWED BY NATIONAL BANKS.

New York, Oct. 3.—The final policy of the nation should look not only toward further development of the Federal Reserve System but also the welding into a "closer and more harmonious unit," of the different elements of the banking structure, Eugene Meyer, Jr., managing director of the War Finance Corporation declared in an address here today, before the state bank division of the American Bankers Association Expressing the opinion that the fact that two-thirds of the country banks representing 30 per cent of its total banking resources, were outside of the Federal Reserve was "undoubtedly responsible in part, at least, for some of our recent difficulties." Mr. Meyer said.

"We have reached a time where we must decide whether we shall continue the more or less haphazard development of our banking machinery or whether our action shall proceed along lines based upon a comprehensive view of the needs of the country."

The fact that state banking laws frequently permit practices in which national banks cannot legally engage. Mr. Meyer said, has created a condition of competition between the two systems which may lead to a gradual weakening of both. Mr. Meyer said the practice of permitting branch banking, "may be good if carried on in a limited way and not if permitted on an extensive scale. The question should be decided on its merits he said, and not as the "product of competition" between the two systems.

On the subject of agricultural financing, Mr. Meyer declared this must be based, first of all, upon the fundamental facts of American agriculture and second upon the economic and financial structure of the country. Longer terms of Congress to meet the need of more gradual marketing of agricultural products has been shown to be an "absolute necessity" he said.

Although the view seems to be held in some quarters that paper, in order to be liquid must have a sixty or ninety days maturity. Mr. Meyer said it has been shown during the past year that long time paper may be more liquid as to security than short-time, and that if there was any differentials between the liquidity of commercial paper and that based upon staple non-perishable agricultural commodities properly warehouses, the latter is decidedly more so under adverse conditions.

## SYNCOPTORS TO FLORIDA.

The Carolina Syncoptors have offers from Wilmington, N. C., and Key West, Fla., for the winter season. They will play this week in Monroe, N. C., Atlanta, Ga., and at Clemson College, and will probably leave Sunday for Key West. The following young men compose the orchestra: R. Glenn Kay, Mims Cason, Bill Hill, Boyd Gasque, of Marion, William Wilkinson of Rome, Ga. and Cogburn Bryan of Greenwood.

## THE COTTON MARKET.

Cotton brought 21 cents on the local market today. Futures closed:  
Oct. .... 20.60  
Dec. .... 20.94  
Jan. .... 20.81  
March .... 20.95  
May .... 20.85  
The condition report is even 50 per cent. of a normal crop. Ginning is 3,883,006.